We Claim:

1.   A method of conducting a secure process between an originating device and a target device, said method comprising steps of:

inputting security key information into said originating device;

establishing said process between said originating device and said target device;

suspending said process at a stage prior to completion thereof; and

enabling the suspended process to proceed to completion dependent upon inputting corresponding key information into said target device.

2.   A method according to claim 1, whereby said security key information is one of a physical key and an electronic key.

3.   A method according to claim 1, whereby said security key is an electronic public key, and said corresponding key is a physical key being a private key.

4.   System for conducting a secure process between an originating device and a target device, said originating device and said target device being interconnected by a network, said method comprising steps of:

means for receiving security key information at said originating device;

means for establishing said process between said originating device and said target device;

means for suspending said process at a stage prior to completion thereof;

means for receiving corresponding key information at said target device; and

means for enabling the suspended process to proceed to completion dependent upon receipt of said corresponding key information.

5.   A system according to claim 4, whereby said security key information is one of a physical key and an electronic key.

6.   A method according to claim 4, whereby said security key is an electronic public key, and said corresponding key is a physical key being a private key.

7.   A computer program comprising software code portions for performing the steps

5   of any one of claims 1 to 3.

8.   A computer readable medium storing a computer program, wherein said computer program comprises software code portions for performing the steps of any one of claims 1 to 3.

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